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Dear Examiner Hamilton:

This is to confirm that in a telephone conversation on May 15, 2003 you indicated that the Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified application dated April 4, 2003 would be considered and that a new Office communication would be sent in the place of the Office action dated April 22, 2003. Accordingly, we will await receipt of the new Office communication and not respond to the Office action dated April 22, 2003, unless you instruct otherwise.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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